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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN	RE:

E151 Minnesota, Inc.

CHAPTER 7 CASE NO 09-48229-RJK

Debtor.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND APPLICATION FOR ORDER DIRECTING SNYDER'S DRUG STORES (2009), INC., AND RELATED PARTIES TO APPEAR FOR RULE 2004 EXAMINATION

TO: Debtor and other parties-in-interest specified in Local Rule 9013-4(c).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that The Court will hold a hearing on this application on June 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before the Honorable Robert J. Kressel, Courtroom 8 West, United States Courthouse, 300 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Any response to this Application must be filed and served not later than June 25, 2010, which is five days before the time set for the hearing (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). UNLESS A WRITTEN RESPONSE IS TIMELY FILED, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE MOTION WITHOUT A HEARING.

- 1. Timothy D. Moratzka ("Movant") is the duly appointed trustee in the above captioned bankruptcy case.
- 2. This court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1157 and 1334, Fed.R.Bankr.P. 5005 ("Bankruptcy rule 5005") and Local Rule 1070-1. This proceeding is a core proceeding. An involuntary petition commencing this Chapter 7 case was

filed on December 3, 2009. The order for relief was filed on December 29, 2009. The case is now pending in this Court.

- This Application arises under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004 and Local Rule 2004-1. This Application is filed under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and Local Rule 9013-4.
- 4. Trustee requests entry of an order pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy

  Procedure 2004 authorizing him to examine and/or serve document requests on the following persons:
  - (a) Snyder's Drug Stores (2009), Inc., a Minnesota Corporation ("New Snyder's")
  - (b) Neal Wahlman, Vice President of Finance and Secretary of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.
  - (c) M. David Schwartz, President of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.
  - (d) John D. Karvellas, authorized office of Snyder's Drug Stores (2009)
  - (e) Daryl Katz, sole director of E151 and New Snyder's (2009)
  - (f) Katz Funding (Minnesota), Inc. ("Katz Funding")
  - (g) Snyder's Holdings, Inc. (A Minnesota Corporation)

#### **FACTS**

- The Debtor's first meeting of creditors (the "341 Meeting") was held on May 11,
   Through this meeting and further informal investigation, the Trustee believes the
   following facts are alleged by the Debtor'
- 6. On or about January 1, 2009, Old Snyder's became insolvent with its largest creditors as follows:
  - McKesson, \$47,516,084
  - CIT, \$54,489,938
  - Katz Funding, \$68,386,787
- 7. On or about January 5, 2009, New Snyder's was formed by Snyder's Holdings and Katz Funding.

- 8. On or about January 22, 2009, Old Snyder's requested consent for lease assignments.
- 9. On or about January 31, 2009, twenty-six (26) performing stores transferred from Old Snyder's to New Snyder's. A transfer was directed by Snyder's Holdings and Katz Funding. New Snyder's guaranteed CIT debt and assumed McKesson's and Katz Funding's debt.
- 10. On or about February 4, 2009, Old Snyder's sent lease termination letters to its landlords for its poorer performing stores.
- 11. On or about April 9, 2009, Old Snyder's changed its name to E151 Minnesota, Inc.
- 12. Subsequently, New Snyder's sold all its assets to Walgreens for an unknown amount.
- 13. At the recent 341 Meeting, Neal Wahlman, an officer of New Snyder's, testified to knowing details surrounding those transactions, but was instructed by counsel not to answer any questions regarding the transactions at the 341 Meeting.

#### **RELIEF SOUGHT**

- 14. The trustee makes this Application because the Rule 2004 Examinations will provide additional information relevant to determining whether to seek recovery of assets or a judgment in their amount transferred by Debtor to New Snyder's, and then to Walgreens. Through Rule 2004 Examinations, Trustee intends to conduct additional investigation into the following events:
  - (a) Sale of assets by the Debtor to New Snyder's; and
  - (b) Sale of assets by New Snyder's to Walgreens.

### WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests the Court enter an Order:

- 1. Authorizing the following to take the Rule 2004 Examination of and obtain documents from Third Parties; and
  - 2. Granting such other relief as may be just and equitable.

DATED: June 8, 2010 MACKALL, CROUNSE & MOORE, PLC

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### **VERIFICATION**

I, Timothy D. Moratzka, declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on: June 8, 2010 Signed: /e/Timothy D. Moratzka

Timothy D. Moratzka

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR RULE 2004 EXAMINATION OF SNYDER'S DRUG STORES (2009), INC., AND RELATED PARTIES

Trustee, Timothy D. Moratzka, submits this Memorandum of Law in Support of his Application for Rule 2004 Examinations of Snyder's Drug Stores (2009), Inc., and related parties.

#### **FACTS**

The facts as set forth in the Application are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ARGUMENT**

A Rule 2004 examination of any entity is permissible where the examination relates to "acts, conduct, or property or to the liabilities and financial condition of the debtor, or to any matter which may affect the administration of the debtor's estate, or the debtor's right to a discharge. . . ." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2004(b); *see also In re Rosenberg*, 303 B.R. 172, 175 (8th Cir. B.A.P. 2004). The scope of a Rule 2004 examination is unfettered and broad. *In re GHR Energy Corp.*, 33 B.R. 451, 453-54 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1983). Indeed, the rule itself is peculiar to bankruptcy law and procedure because it affords few of the procedural safeguards that an examination under Rule 26 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure does. *Id.* 

Here, the trustee seeks to conduct 2004 examinations and conduct document inspections of the following entities with knowledge of particular areas of confusion related to Debtor's financial condition. Specifically, Trustee wishes to further investigate the facts surrounding: (1) the Debtor's sale of substantially all of its assets to New Snyder's and; (2) the subsequent New Snyder's sale of substantially all of its assets to Walgreens. The Trustee intends to obtain documents and/or seek testimony from the following individuals and/or entities:

- (a) Snyder's Drug Stores (2009), Inc., a Minnesota Corporation ("New Snyder's")
- (b) Neal Wahlman, Vice President of Finance and Secretary of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.
- (c) M. David Schwartz, President of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.
- (d) John D. Karvellas, authorized office of Snyder's Drug Stores (2009)
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The information sought is relevant to establish whether Debtor committed fraudulent transfers or whether its officers breached fiduciary duties. The Court should permit Trustee to pursue this additional investigation through the proposed series of 2004 Examinations.

#### **CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons set forth herein, Trustee is entitled to an Order to take the Rule 2004 examination of and obtain documents from Third Parties.

DATED: June 8, 2010 MACKALL, CROUNSE & MOORE, PLC

By /e/ Mychal A. Bruggeman

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SNYDER'S HOLDINGS, INC. CT CORPORATION SYSTEM  $100~\mathrm{S}~5^\mathrm{TH}~\mathrm{ST}$  MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-1265

And I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 8, 2010 Signed: /e/ Jinah E. Finnes

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This matter came before the court on the application of the trustee to allow him to conduction an examination pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004 (the "Application").

Based upon the application and the file:

#### IT IS ORDERD,

- 1. The application is granted.
- 2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004, the trustee is authorized to examine and request documents including by service of subpoenas from the following parties:
  - (a) Snyder's Drug Stores (2009), Inc., a Minnesota Corporation ("New Snyder's")
  - (b) Neal Wahlman, Vice President of Finance and Secretary of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.

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- (c) M. David Schwartz, President of Snyder's Drug Stores, Inc.
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DATED:		
	Robert J. Kressel	